1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis; providing for two
1.3 members appointed by Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, on the
1.4 Minneapolis redistricting commission; establishing standards.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, MINNEAPOLIS.**

1.7 Notwithstanding chapter 1, section 3, of the home rule charter of the city of

1.8 Minneapolis, the Board of Education of Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, may

1.9 appoint two members to serve on the Minneapolis redistricting commission to replace the

1.10 two members of the commission appointed by the majority and minority caucuses of the

1.11 city council for the purpose of determining the redistricting of Special School District No.

1.12 1, Minneapolis Board of Education districts.

1.13 The two members appointed by the school board shall participate with the other

1.14 appointed members of the redistricting commission, except city council appointees, to

1.15 determine the redistricting of school board districts. School board appointees shall not

1.16 sit in considering the redistricting of city council ward boundaries. The redistricting

1.17 commission may adopt necessary procedures to ensure full participation by school board

1.18 appointees in its process.

1.19 Sec. 2. **STANDARDS.**

1.20 Within the time specified in chapter 1, section 3, and chapter 16, section 1, of the

1.21 home rule charter of the city of Minneapolis, the redistricting commission shall set the

1.22 boundaries of the school board districts in accordance with the following standards:

2.1   (1) The ideal population for each district shall be determined by dividing the total

2.2 population of the school district by six. In no case shall any district, when readjusted, have

2.3 a population more than five percent over or under the ideal population.

2.4   (2) Each district shall consist of contiguous compact territory not more than twice

2.5 as long as it is wide. The existence of a lake within a district shall not be contrary to

2.6 this provision. Whenever possible, district boundary lines shall follow the center line of

2.7 streets, avenues, alleys, and boulevards and as nearly as practicable, shall run due east and

2.8 west or north and south.

2.9   (3) To the extent possible, each newly drawn district shall retain the same numerical

2.10 designation as the previously existing district from which the newly drawn district

2.11 received the largest portion of its population.

2.12   (4) The districts must not dilute the voting strength of racial or language minority

2.13 populations. Where a concentration of a racial or language minority makes it possible, the

2.14 districts must increase the probability that members of the minority will be elected.

2.15   (5) The districts should attempt to preserve communities of interest where that can

2.16 be done in compliance with the preceding standards.

2.17   (6) Population shall be determined by use of the official population, as stated by

2.18 census tracts and blocks in the official United States Census. Whenever it is necessary

2.19 to modify census data in fixing a district boundary, the redistricting commission may

2.20 compute the population of any part by use of other pertinent data or may have a special

2.21 enumeration made of any block or blocks using the standards of the United States Census.

2.22 If the population of any block or blocks is so determined, the redistricting commission

2.23 may assume that the remainder of the census tract has the remaining population shown by

2.24 the census. In every such case, the determination of the redistricting commission as to

2.25 population shall be conclusive, unless clearly contrary to the census.

2.26   Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.27   Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day after Special School District No. 1,

2.28 Minneapolis, complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.